



# THE BEAT

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## MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

### CROW LEGEND IN LINE FOR NATIONAL HONOR

By BECKY SHAY, Billings, Gazette 03/20/08

Joe Medicine Crow missed fighting the Plains Indians' wars. Born in 1913, he arrived decades after the battles his people, the Crow Indians, fought.

### TRIBAL COUNCIL APPROVES FIRST STEP OF REORGANIZATION

Char-Koosta News (03/13/08/

PABLO - On Tuesday, March 4, the Tribal Council officially approved the first step of reorganization in the CSKT Tribal Government.

### MONTANA TRIBAL IDS GAIN WIDER ACCEPTANCE

Montana Wal-Mart stores now accept tribal IDs

Alyssa Kelly Char-Koosta News (03/20/08)

POLSON - The Tribal ID Law went into effect on October 1, 2007. The law requires that tribal ID's be accepted as readily as state or government issued forms of identification in the state of Montana.

### SKC RECEIVES BACHELOR ACCREDITATION FOR SOCIAL WORK PROGRAM

Char-Koosta News (03/13/08/

PABLO - On February 18, Salish Kootenai College (SKC) became the first tribal college in

the nation to receive initial accreditation for its Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) program.

### COURT ALLOWS SUIT AGAINST TRIBE - NOT HUD - FOR FAULTY HOMES

INDIANZ.COM (03/20/08)

The [Blackfeet Nation](#) of Montana can be sued for placing tribal members in faulty homes, a federal appeals court ruled on Wednesday.

### STABILITY, CONSENSUS REQUIRED FOR GOOD TRIBAL GOVERNMENT

by: Editors Report / Indian Country Today

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One of the significant issues for many contemporary tribal governments is achieving political stability and long-term community consensus. Many tribal governments, by virtue of their governance structure, are subject to frequent turnover of tribal chairs and tribal council members. Policies and projects started by the previous tribal administration are often discontinued and sometimes staff members are laid off, and new staff and programs are brought in by a new administration. Then the cycle inevitably repeats itself in the next election (sometimes even between elections there are recalls of tribal leaders, and new programs and administration are again installed).

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## **ROCKY BOY'S TRIBAL COUNCIL RESCINDS SLANDER ORDINANCE**

By ERIC NEWHOUSE Great Falls Tribune

The Rocky Boy's tribal council unanimously rescinded an ordinance that allowed the tribe to take all the possessions and banish anyone convicted of bad-mouthing tribal employees, Chief of Staff Richard Sangrey said Monday.

## **NATIVE AMERICAN CENTER BREAKING NEW GROUNDS**

Story by Elizabeth Harrison Montana Kaimin (03/14/08)



The current Native American Studies building houses the administration for Native American Studies at the University, but the program has long outgrown the building. Other parts have been spread all over campus. "We have this little building over there by the Lommasson Center. And that's worked very well when we didn't have all that many students," President George Dennison said about the building. (Alisia Muhlestein / Montana Kaimin)

Twila Old Coyote, adviser and coordinator for American Indian Student Services, performs all of her work from inside an old elevator shaft. Her daughter's baby carriage doesn't even fit inside the tiny office.

## **JOB VACANCIES:**

The **MONTANA GRASSROOTS RELATIONSHIP MANAGER** position is listed on CareerBuilder.com under American Cancer Society and Montana. If you are interested in grassroots organizing and getting involved (or know someone who is), please apply. We need a cover letter and resume with the salary requirements you need. Our tentative schedule is to do first interviews for the position the week of April 14 with final interviews soon after. This is a fun and rewarding job!

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Grassroots Development Director  
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Honor the Earth is excited to be hiring a **NATIONAL CAMPAIGN ASSOCIATE**. Please see the text of the posting below and/or on our website: <http://www.honorearth.org/aboutus/employment.htm> and pass this along to anyone who might be interested in what is a truly unique opportunity to receive hands-on training in Native environmental justice work from one of its most prominent leaders. The position will work directly with our Executive Director, Winona LaDuke and focus on our frontlines energy justice work in Indigenous communities. Please contact Tom at [tom@honorearth.org](mailto:tom@honorearth.org) immediately if you intend to apply, decisions are scheduled to be made in the coming weeks.

## **EVENTS/TRAINING:**

Understanding Changes in the American Indian Probate Reform Act  
and  
Understanding Individual Indian Monies Accounts.  
**FREE WORKSHOP**  
March 26, 2008,

Jonathon Morgan from the Montana Legal Services Association and Deb DuMontier from the Trust Asset Accounting System on the Flathead Reservation will be discussing all the latest information on this important Reform Act. This is open to the public and anyone who is interested in learning more about how this process works may attend.

The workshop will be at the UM-Helena's new Lecture Hall from 1-4 p.m. Refreshments provided by Charlotte Robertson of ERA Bill Bahny & Associates.

Sponsored by the White Wolf Media Group and the Montana United Indian Association.

For more information, call 406-443-5350.

## **GRANTS/OPPORTUNITIES:**

### **CMHS GRANT: CIRCLES OF CARE**

**Request for Applications (RFA) No. SM-08-012**

**Posting on Grants.gov:** March 11, 2008

**Receipt Date:** May 9, 2008

**Announcement Type:** Initial

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) is accepting applications for fiscal year (FY) 2008 for Circles of Care IV: Infrastructure Development for Children's Mental Health Systems in American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Communities (Short Title: Circles of Care) grants.

The purpose of this program is to provide tribal and urban Indian communities with tools and resources to plan and design a holistic, community-based system of care to support mental health and wellness for their children, youth,

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and families. These grants will increase the capacity and effectiveness of behavioral health systems serving AI/AN communities. As a result, Circles of Care grantees will be equipped to reduce the gap between the need for behavioral health services and the availability and coordination of services for children and families in AI/AN communities. In FY 2008, SAMHSA/CMHS is especially interested in projects that focus on improving the linkages between primary care and behavioral health.

**Download the Complete Announcement No. SM-08-012:**

[Download RFA in Adobe PDF Format](#)  (376 KB)

### **LEARN AND SERVE AMERICA SCHOOL-BASED STEM FY 2008**



The Corporation for National and Community Service (the Corporation) announces the availability of approximately \$2 million to qualified organizations to provide financial resources, training, and other assistance to local education agencies (LEAs) to implement service-learning projects as part of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) curriculum in grades 6-12. These funds will be awarded to an estimated 3 to 4 eligible applications with awards ranging from approximately \$500,000 to \$800,000 for a project period of up to 3 years. Eligible applicants include Grantmaking Entities (GMEs, which are public or private non-profit organizations that can make subgrants in two or more states) that are not currently Learn and Serve America grantees. A key role for GMEs is to manage subgrantees at the LEA level through frequent communication, training and technical assistance, and financial oversight. The 2008 School-Based competition is intended to bring service-learning that addresses STEM (science, technology, engineering, or math) objectives into high-poverty schools that have little service-learning history. The focus responds to the Corporation's strategic goals to spread service-learning to 50% of K-12 schools and to avail many more youth from disadvantaged circumstances of service-learning opportunities. Consequently, applicants should focus their awarding of subgrants to schools in which more than half the students receive free or reduced price lunches. A crucial part of a grantee's role is to ensure high-quality implementation among subgrantees and to promote effective and efficient use of resources at the subgrantee level. Specifically, this role involves monitoring of program quality, overseeing LEA expenditures, identifying grantee and subgrantee staff roles, and providing needed training and technical assistance. Successful applicants will describe a program design that provides student participants with the opportunity to: • Use the knowledge and skills of one or more STEM discipline(s) to identify and address community problems; • Collaborate with peers and community members to set and achieve goals; and • Develop skills and attitudes useful for the workplace and for participating in civic affairs.

Contact: Meredith Hatch,  
Program Coordinator for Knowledge Management  
202-606-7513  
[Specific information about the competition](#)

### **LEARN AND SERVE AMERICA INDIAN TRIBES DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION INITIATIVE FY 2008**



The Corporation for National and Community Service (the Corporation) announces the availability of

approximately \$1 million of Learn and Serve America funds to Indian Tribes to implement service-learning programs focusing on drug abuse prevention, especially methamphetamine. Applicants must propose to work with one or more local school(s) to support youth conducting service-learning projects. Applicants also must propose to work with their respective local methamphetamine task force that is supported by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The competition is devoted to linking youth service to existing local drug abuse prevention efforts and to coordinate with the federal Department of Health and Human Services funding targeting methamphetamine abuse in tribal communities. Eligible applicants include any federally recognized Indian Tribe that is also a recipient of funding from the Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Minority Health (OMH) and/or SAMHSA Indian Country Methamphetamine Initiative. These funds will be awarded to an estimated six to eight eligible applicants, who can apply for up to \$180,000 for a three year period.

Contact: Meredith Hatch,  
Program Coordinator for Knowledge Management  
202-606-7513

[For more information about the content of the grant or for clarification of terms.](#)

### **US/DOJ FY 2008 BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP (BVP) PROGRAM**

Applications due April 23, 2008. The application is straightforward but requires new applicants to register or prior registration information be updated in the Bulletproof Vest Partnership system. All applications must be submitted via the BVP system at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bvpbasi/>.

In 2007, 348 bulletproof vests were awarded to 24 Montana Jurisdictions. Please follow the link to see the BVP website, 2007 awards, a Fact Sheet and further application instructions.

Please contact the Montana Board of Crime Control if you have further questions or need assistance.

Lily Yamamoto  
Bureau Chief  
Montana Board of Crime Control  
406.444.1610

### **OVC FY 08 T&TA FOR COUNSELING & FAITH-BASED SERVICES FOR CRIME VICTIMS IN INDIAN COUNTRY COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM**

A competitive program that will award one grant of \$500,000 to support tribal, nonprofit, and faith-based organizations that have received funding under the FY 2008 Counseling and Faith-Based Services for Crime Victims in Indian Country grant program by providing comprehensive, culturally appropriate training and technical assistance to enhance the development and expansion of organizations' capabilities to provide counseling services to crime victims.

Contact: Renee Williams  
202-616-3218  
[Programmatic Questions](#)

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## **FY 2008 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH PROJECTS PROGRAM COMPETITION**

Through this competitive solicitation, EDA solicits applications for funding that address one or more of the following three research projects: (1) regional innovation systems; (2) urban economic development policy; and (3) global economic development strategy. EDA's intent is to create practitioner-accessible tools that can be used to bring the best current thinking to bear on specific problems. As described in the complete funding opportunity announcement, deliverables for each of these three projects vary. For the first research project on regional innovation systems, there are four deliverables: (1) a comparative analysis; (2) a practitioner-accessible report; (3) a practical asset mapping guide; and (4) production of a practitioner-accessible report or equivalent document that presents findings in a visually appealing format. For the second research project on urban economic development policy, there are three deliverables: (1) creation of a classification and analytical methodology; (2) implementation of the methodology using a statistically significant sample of economic regions; (3) production of a practitioner-accessible report or equivalent document that presents findings in a visually appealing format. For the third research project on global economic development strategy, there are five deliverables: (1) development of an analytic method; (2) application of the method to a statistically significant sample of U.S. metropolitan regions; (3) identification of best practices throughout the sampled regions; (4) production of a report describing research findings; and (5) production of a practitioner-accessible report or equivalent document that presents findings in a visually appealing format. Please see the full funding opportunity announcement for more detailed information on each report and the required deliverables.

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## **(CHILDREN & YOUTH) GRANTEE WILL PROMOTE HEALTH TRIBAL LIFESTYLES**

**Agency:** Health & Human Services Dept. (Indian Health Service—IHS); **Program:** Demonstration Project for Healthy Style in Youth (CFDA Number: 93.933); **Eligibility:** Tribal governments and organization and urban Indian nonprofits; **Funding:** \$3 million for one award; **Deadline:** April 18.

**Purpose:** IHS will enter into a collaborative effort/initiative with an eligible tribal entity that has experience in addressing healthy lifestyle techniques for Native American and Alaskan Native youth. The initiative will address healthy lifestyle development with a focus on nutrition and physical activity for children and youth ages 6-17.

The grantee will with tribal Boys and Girls Club sites to provide health and physical education by helping youth: achieve and maintain healthy lifestyles through fitness programs; acquire a range of physical skills; and develop a sense of teamwork and cooperation.

These early intervention opportunities may reduce and/or halt the increasing trend of obesity and diabetes among youth and young adults. Clubs that develop a health promotion program that includes the Together Raising Awareness for Indian Life curriculum may curtail the effects of unhealthy eating behaviors and lack of physical activity that can lead to obesity, diabetes and other chronic diseases later in life.

**Info:** Leeanna Travis (program questions), 505/946-9541; e-mail, [leeanna.travis@ihs.gov](mailto:leeanna.travis@ihs.gov); Norma Jean Dunne, 301/443-5204; e-mail, [normaJean.dunne@ihs.gov](mailto:normaJean.dunne@ihs.gov)

## **(MENTAL HEALTH) GRANTEES WILL DEVELOP HOLISTIC TRIBAL PROGRAMS**

**Agency:** Health & Human Services Dept. (Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Admin—SAMHSA); **Program:** Circles of Care IV—Infrastructure Development for Children's Mental Health Systems in America (CFDA Number: 93.243); **Eligibility:** Tribes, tribal organizations and tribal colleges and universities; **Funding:** \$2.1 million for seven awards; **Deadline:** May 9.

**Purpose:** The program provides tribal and urban Indian communities with tools and resources to plan and design a holistic, community-based system of care to support mental health and wellness for their children, youth, and families. These grants increase the capacity and effectiveness of behavioral health systems serving native communities.

Circles of Care grantees will be equipped to reduce the gap between the need for behavioral health services and the availability and coordination of services for children and families in native communities.

**Editor's note:** SAMHSA is especially interested in projects that focus on improving the linkages between primary care and behavioral health.

**Info:** Andrew Hunt (program questions), 240/276-1926; e-mail, [andrew.hunt@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:andrew.hunt@samhsa.hhs.gov); Gwendolyn Simpson (grant management questions), 240/276-1408; e-mail, [gwendolyn.simpson@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:gwendolyn.simpson@samhsa.hhs.gov)



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**Head Man Dancer - 2008**  
**Winston Caufield**

**Host Drum**  
**Young Grey Horse**

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**Golden Age**

\$500, \$300 & \$200

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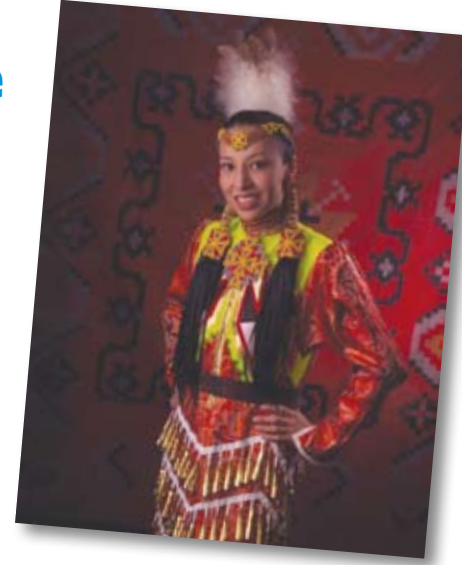
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**Teen Categories**

\$125, \$100 & \$75

**Junior Categories**

\$75, \$50 & \$25



**Head Woman Dancer - 2008**  
**Olivia Main**

**MEN**

Golden Age (62+)  
Traditional (41-61)  
Traditional (18-40)  
Buckskin or War Bonnet  
Chicken  
Grass  
Fancy

**TEEN BOYS**

Chicken  
Traditional  
Grass  
Fancy

**JUNIOR BOYS**

Traditional  
Grass  
Fancy

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Golden Age (62+)  
Traditional (41-61)  
Traditional (18-40)  
Jingle  
Fancy  
Iron Womens Fancy (18+)

**TEEN GIRLS**

Traditional  
Jingle  
Fancy

**JUNIOR GIRLS**

Traditional  
Jingle  
Fancy

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## **For More Information Contact**

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Program @ 1-800-883-5811  
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**James Parker Shield of War Shield Development  
Corporation @ 761- 3377**

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**RONAN MARCH 20TH**  
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